

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 22-41 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Support for the new claims is found in the claims as originally filed, and throughout the specification, in particular at the following exemplary locations: Figs. 3A-C, the final paragraph of page 4, the thirds and fourth paragraphs of page 5, the second paragraph of page 6, the first paragraph of page 7, the first and second paragraphs of page 9. Accordingly, no new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully allowance of the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

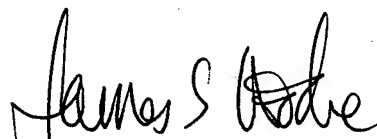
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

Respectfully submitted,
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